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*Vessels arriving from Nome.*

August 26, steamer *Ohio*, crew, 121; passengers, 173. September 15, steamer *Delta*, from Ketchikan, crew, 5; passengers, none. September 19, steamer *Penguin*, crew, 4; passengers, none. September 27, steamer *Shelikof*, from Orca, crew, 10, passengers, none.

Respectfully,

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## REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

*El Paso, Tex., September 29, 1900—Inspection service.*—I have the honor to submit the following summary of work at this station for the week ended September 29, 1900: Inspection of Mexican Central Railroad passenger trains, 176 persons; inspection of Mexican Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad trains, 30 persons; disinfection of baggage, etc., of passengers and immigrants, 32 pieces; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry, 354 pieces; disinfection of 2 cars of bones (imported); disinfection of cattle hides imported from Mexico, 450; September 25, 1900, received information from consul at Tampico of entrance of 2 cases of yellow fever, and those reported sent partly in cipher "to Surgeon-General's office."

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*Laredo, Tex., October 2, 1900—Inspection service.*—I have the honor to submit the following report for week ended September 29, 1900: Persons passed at international foot and tramway bridge, 3,027; persons inspected and passed on Mexican National Railroad, 368; immigrants inspected and passed, 5; immigrants refused entry, 3; immigrants' children vaccinated, 2.

September 29, 2 persons said to be from east of City of Mexico were refused entry at night by guard at railroad bridge until passed on by me.

H. J. HAMILTON,  
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*Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States—Yearly and monthly.*

ALABAMA—*Mobile.*—Month of August, 1900. Estimated population, 38,469. Total number of deaths, 90, including enteric fever, 1; whooping cough, 1, and 11 from tuberculosis.

GEORGIA—*Macon.*—Month of September, 1900. Estimated population, 28,000—white, 15,000; colored, 13,000. Total number of deaths, 34—white, 14, colored, 20—including whooping cough, 1, and 6 from phthisis pulmonalis.

INDIANA—*Evansville.*—Month of September, 1900. Estimated population, 59,007. Total number of deaths, 53, including enteric fever, 4, and 9 from phthisis pulmonalis.

MICHIGAN.—Reports to the State board of health, Lansing, for the week ended September 29, 1900, from 87 observers, indicate intermit-

tent fever, inflammation of bowels, phthisis pulmonalis, and enteric fever were more prevalent; diphtheria, pleuritis, and influenza much more prevalent, and pneumonia much less prevalent than in the preceding week. Phthisis pulmonalis was reported present at 177, enteric fever at 169, scarlet fever at 62, diphtheria at 35, measles at 13, whooping cough at 9, cerebro-spinal meningitis at 3, and smallpox at 2 places.

MINNESOTA—*Winona*.—Month of September, 1900. Estimated population, 24,000. Total number of deaths, 29, including 3 from tuberculosis.

MONTANA—*Butte*.—Period from July 17 to September 20, 1900. Census population of 1900, 35,000. Total number of deaths, 49, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 1, and 4 from phthisis pulmonalis.

NEW JERSEY—*Passaic*.—Two weeks ended September 29, 1900. Population of United States census of 1900, 27,777. Total number of deaths, 33, including enteric fever 1, and 1 from measles.

*Paterson*.—Month of August, 1900. Estimated population, 105,619. Total number of deaths, 171, including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 2; whooping cough, 3, and 26 from phthisis pulmonalis.

NEW YORK.—Reports to the State board of health, Albany, for the month of August, 1900, from 156 cities, towns, and villages having an aggregate estimated population of 7,110,000, show a total of 11,047 deaths, including diphtheria, 198; enteric fever, 174; measles, 49; scarlet fever, 22; whooping cough, 86, and 1,047 from phthisis pulmonalis.

The Monthly Bulletin for August says :

The 11,047 deaths this month are nearly the average of the past five years, as is the decrease of 600 from the reported mortality of July. The death rate is 18.5 against 19.5 in July. There were 500 fever deaths under the age of 5 years, the percentage being 38.3 against 40.6, both being lower than the average. The percentage of zymotic deaths was nearly the same as in July, 23.7. The decrease in diarrheal mortality has been less than the average, 1,985 deaths being from this cause, or 100 less than in July. Deaths from typhoid fever and malarial diseases have increased, scarlet fever and measles have diminished. The decrease from July has been in local diseases, all of which caused fewer deaths. There were likewise fewer deaths from accidents and violence—777 against a monthly average for the year of 528. Of 275 deaths from violence outside New York City, 80 were from drowning (nearly 30 per cent), 5 from lightning stroke, 12 from sunstroke; of the rest, 41 were from railroad (15 per cent), 2 electric car, 3 wagon accidents, 3 electric shock, 9 poisoning, 10 burning, 15 suicide, 1 execution.

Of all deaths, 8,200 occurred in cities and villages, of over 10,000 population and 2,850 in the rest of the State. The urban death rate was 18.3 against 20.5 in July; the rural death rate on the other hand is increased being 15.0 against 13.0 in July. Seventeen and three-tenths per cent of the urban deaths were from diarrheal diseases, 20.0 per cent of the rural, these deaths having decreased from July in the urban towns by 450, while in rural towns the number of diarrheal deaths is more than double that of July.

Diphtheria causes in August fewer deaths than in any other month in this State; there were 198 deaths, a small decrease from July, the

average of the past five years being 221, past ten years 307, past fifteen years 348. There were more deaths than in August of the past two years, the distribution being general, with no special epidemic reported. No smallpox has existed in the State since July. Reports indicate an unusual prevalence of typhoid fever in all parts of the State, and give promise of an excessive mortality in the succeeding month.

*Yonkers*.—Month of August, 1900. Estimated population, 45,000. Total number of deaths, 72, including 5 from phthisis pulmonalis.

NORTH CAROLINA—*Charlotte*.—Month of September, 1900. Estimated population, 29,000. Total number of deaths, 28, including 1 from enteric fever.

*Wilmington*.—Month of September, 1900. Estimated population, 27,000. Total number of deaths, 77, including 6 from phthisis pulmonalis.

PENNSYLVANIA—*Columbia*.—Month of September, 1900. Estimated population, 12,500. Total number of deaths, 13, including 1 from diphtheria.

TENNESSEE—*Chattanooga*.—Month of September, 1900. Estimated population, 40,000—white, 27,000; colored, 13,000. Total number of deaths, 29—white, 18; colored, 11—including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 2, and 6 from tuberculosis.

VIRGINIA—*Lynchburg*.—Month of September, 1900. Estimated population, 30,000. Total number of deaths, 28, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 4, and 5 from phthisis pulmonalis.

WISCONSIN—*Milwaukee*.—Month of August, 1900. Population, United States census of 1900, 285,315. Total number of deaths, 441, including diphtheria, 8; enteric fever, 6; measles, 2; scarlet fever, 1; whooping cough, 5, and 40 from tuberculosis.

*Report of immigrants inspected at the port of New Orleans, La., during the month of September, 1900.*

Total number of immigrants inspected, 107; number passed, 106; number certified for deportation on account of dangerous contagious or loathsome diseases, or for other physical causes, 1.

*Disposition of immigrants certified for deportation*.—Number cases pending at beginning of month, none; number cases certified for deportation during month, 1; total to be accounted for, 1; number cases deported, none; number cases admitted, none; number cases pending at close of month, 1.

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